GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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UNEMPLOYED HANDICAPPED YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made in regard to the number of unemployed handicapped youths in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government have been advised to reserve a fix percentage of posts forthem in the State Government services in order to provide them employment;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the States which are not adhering to this advice;

(e) whether any scheme has been formulated to impart training to the unemployed handicapped youths for setting up of small scale industries in the country ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of the unemployed handicapped youths benefited by these schemes till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) As per information compiled upto June 2000 by the Directorate of Employment and Training, the total number of persons with disabilities enrolled in the live Register of Employment Exchanges is 4.66 lakhs.

(c)&(d) The persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and FulParticipation) Act, 1995 provides for affirmative action in favour of persons with disabilities by way of reservation in identified posts in Government organizations to the extent of 3 per cent. Implementation of the provisions of the Act is regularly followed up with State Government/Union Territory Administrations.

(e) & (f) for evaluating the residual capacity of the persons with disability and imparting them vocational training and guidance, 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) arefunctioning in the country through which 1,31,900 persons with disabilities have been rehabilitated till June 2001. Under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Personswith Disabilities, 175 Non-Government Oragnisations (NGOs) have been assisted during 2001-2002 for running Vocational Training Centres covering 16000 beneficiaries.